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FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION (INCLUDES PCT)Attorney Docket No.  
66455-259-7

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**WELLBORE ANNULUS FLUSHING VALVE**the specification of which (check one):  is attached hereto.

[ ] was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_

[X] was filed as PCT international application no. PCT/GB04/001344, filed 29 March 2004 and was amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I do not know and do not believe the claimed invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application(s) on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)		Priority Claimed
<u>0307237.8</u> (Number)	<u>Great Britain</u> (Country)	<u>28 March 2003</u> Day/Month/Year Filed
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119 (e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ Day/Month/Year Filed \_\_\_\_\_ Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ Day/Month/Year Filed \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application Serial No.	Filing Date	Status (patented, pending, abandoned)
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I hereby appoint the registered practitioners associated with Customer Nos. 25269 and 26127 to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Direct all telephone calls to telephone no. **(202) 906-8600** and faxes to **(202) 906-8669**.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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